



Following the Way of Paul in the Early Church Henderson Tour

January 17-30, 2024

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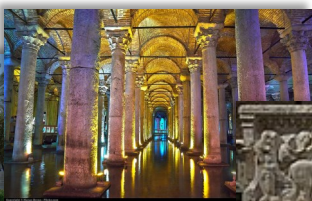
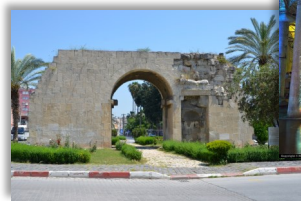
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Your Journey Includes:

Roundtrip Airfare • Tourist and Superior First Class Hotels • Deluxe Motorcoaches
Daily Continental Breakfast and Dinners as outlined • Guided Tours

ITINERARY

JAN 17 Wednesday	DEPART HOUSTON Your journey begins as you depart the Houston Intercontinental Airport on your international flight.
JAN 18 Thursday	ARRIVE INSTANBUL You will be welcomed to Turkey by our representative and taken to your hotel for dinner and overnight.
JAN 19 Friday	ISTANBUL—FLY ANTIOCH Today you will visit beautiful Istanbul, the only city in the world situated on two continents. Byzantium, Constantinople, Istanbul, its three names span more than 2600 years, nearly 1600 of them as the capital of two of the greatest empires the world has known, Byzantine and Ottoman. You will visit the Istanbul Archeology Museum, The Cisterns, The Bazaar, KaraköyGulluoglu Baklava and Galatia Tower. After your visits you will transfer to the airport for your flight to Hatay (Antioch) where believers were first called "Christians" (Acts 11:26). You'll check into your hotel for dinner and overnight in Antioch.
Jan 20 Saturday	ANTIOCH This morning you will begin with a visit to the cave where the early Christians met in secret. You'll see the statue of Kharon and the Mosaic Museum. Drive to the port where Paul left for his missionary journey. Paul and Silas departed from here on the second missionary journey (Acts 15:35-36). You will see Titus tunnel before returning to your hotel for dinner and overnight.
Jan 21 Sunday	ANTIOCH—ADANA—TARSUS This morning you will visit the Adana Archeology Museum. Drive to Tarsus, the birthplace of the Apostle Paul. Visit the city well, and the Gate of Cleopatra before checking in to your hotel for dinner and overnight in Adana.
JAN 22 Monday	TARSUS - ROMAN ROAD - UNDERGROUND CITY - CAPPADOCIA Today you will travel to a large section of the Roman Road that Paul traveled on just north of Tarsus. From there you'll go to visit the Kaymakli Underground City; one of the best preserved of these cities. Check in to your hotel for dinner and overnight in Cappadocia.
JAN 23 Tuesday	CAPPADOCIA This morning you will get up early for a balloon ride. This vast area is one of the most photogenic landscapes in the world. Extraordinary rock formations have become symbolic of this region. Enjoy the Valley of the Fairy Chimneys and Goreme's breathtaking Open Air Museum. Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight in Cappadocia.
JAN 24 Wednesday	CAPPADOCIA- SULTANHAN - LYSTRA - ICONIUM This morning you will drive to the Ihlara Valley. Hike down to the bottom of the canyon and take a walk past the beautiful stream where you will see the ancient churches. Drive to the Sultanhanı Caravansary for a fascinating look at one of the rest stops for ancient camel caravans. Along the trade routes, such caravansaries appeared at intervals of some twenty-five miles, the average distance that camels could travel in a day. Continue to Iconium where Paul preached and encouraged believers during his first missionary journey (Acts 14:1-6). Check in to your hotel for dinner and overnight in Konya.



ITINERARY

JAN 25

Thursday

KONYA - PISIDIAN ANTIOCH - COLOSSAE - PAMUKKALE

This morning you will begin at the Mevlana Museum and then make a brief stop at the Konya Archeology Museum where you will see one of the oldest pieces of Christian art. Drive to Antioch of Pisidia, where nearly the whole city came to hear Paul preach during his first missionary journey (Acts 13:14-52). The marvelous excavations include the ancient church and the great first-century Temple of Augustus. Travel the Royal Road that once connected Ephesus with distant Babylon. Dinner and overnight will be in the Pamukkale Spa Hotel where you'll have a chance to soak in the ancient waters.

JAN 26

Friday

HIERAPOLIS – LAODICEA - KUSADASI

Today you will visit the unexcavated site of ancient Colossae by the village of Honaz. The Apostle Paul wrote one of his prison epistles to the church at Colossae, a city situated on the Lycus River. At Hierapolis (Pamukkale), enjoy the "Cotton Castles" of brilliant white calcium rock formations and hot-water travertines, where hot mineral waters emerge from the earth and cascade over cliffs. As the water cools, the calcium precipitates and clings to the cliffs forming snowy white travertines (waterfalls of white stone), which give credence to the name Pamukkale, meaning "cotton castle." This enchanting place is one of the natural wonders of Asia Minor. The churches in Hierapolis, Colossae, and Laodicea once flourished under the ministry of Epaphras (Colossians 4:12-13). Explore Laodicea (Rev 3:15-16) before checking in to your hotel in Kusadasi for dinner and overnight.

JAN 27

Saturday

EPHESUS - MILETUS - KUSADASI

Today you will visit Ephesus (Rev. 2:1-7), a major port city on the Aegean, which was the commercial, political, and religious center of Asia Minor. The Ephesians worked for 120 years to complete a magnificent temple, one of the Seven Wonders of the ancient world. Ephesus boasted a population approaching 250,000 people. Paul first visited Ephesus briefly during his second missionary journey (Acts 18:19-21). He returned on his third journey and stayed about three years (Acts 19:1-20:31). Walk the marble-paved street with grooves made by chariot wheels. See the Fountain of Trojan, the Library of Celsus, and the beautiful theater. Drive to Miletus, home of ancient philosopher Thales (640-546 B.C.), one of the fathers of Greek geometry, astronomy, and philosophy. It was here, in the first century, that the Apostle Paul called for the Ephesians elders and preached a powerful message to them (Acts 20:15-38). After your visit you will check in to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

JAN 28

Sunday

KUSADASI - SMYRNA- PERGAMUM - ASSOS

This morning you will go to Izmir for a brief visit to Smyrna. You'll continue to Pergamum, with its Acropolis and Great Theatre, the steepest of the ancient world. Revelation 2:12-16 describes the city as "where Satan's seat is," a reference to the altar of Zeus. Nearby, visit the Red Basilica, once a pagan temple and later converted into a Christian church. Finally, walk through the Pergamum Asklepion, the famous medical center of antiquity. Dinner and overnight will be at your hotel in Assos.

JAN 29

Monday

ASSOS - TROAS - ASSOS

After breakfast, you will visit Apollon Smintherion, one the ancient world's pilgrimage sites. Drive to Troas, founded about 300 B.C. by one of the generals of Alexander the Great. During Paul's second missionary journey, it was in Troas that he received the "Macedonian call" to Europe. This is where Luke's account changes from "they" to "we" (Acts 16:6-12), indicating that he joined Paul's team at Troas. Returning from Macedonia during his third journey, Paul was in Troas for a week when the young man Eutychus fell from the third loft as Paul preached. He then walked to Assos where you will visit the old city walls (Acts 20:5-14). You will walk through the Old Marketplace and see the Council Chamber and Temple to Athena. Afterward, you'll return to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

JAN 30

Tuesday

RETURN HOME

After breakfast you will go to the airport for your international flight and return home with a new understanding of the Apostle Paul.

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PROGRAM CONDITIONS

INCLUDED IN PRICE OF STANDARD PROGRAM: Round trip economy airfare; transfers with group to/from airport; shared double room in moderate hotel; two meals daily; English speaking guide; transfers to and entrance fees for sites to be visited per itinerary.

NOT INCLUDED IN PRICE: Tips of \$350 to be collected and distributed by tour operator; single room charges (see below); additions or changes to the standard program (see below); individual transfers; travel insurance; any Covid testing required to travel both in the US and internationally; laundry; coffee and drinks; excess baggage and items of a personal nature; **any increase in taxes and fees that may occur between printing of this brochure and issuing of airline tickets.** Price is based on the exchange rate at the time of printing and may be subject to change. Additional charge of \$218 for double and \$272 for single to pay by credit card.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE: Deposit of \$750 due with registration. Within 90 days of departure date space may be limited and/or a supplement in airfare may apply. Final payment is due by December 1, 2023.

TOUR DOCUMENTS: The name on your airline ticket must exactly match your name as it appears on your passport. You must forward a copy of the photo/info page of your passport within two weeks of enrollment on the tour. If applying for a new or renewed passport, send the copy as soon as you receive your new passport.

SINGLE ROOMS: Price is based on double occupancy. While Gomega Travel will try to match roommates, we cannot guarantee that a roommate will be available. If not, the single supplement will be required. When available, single rooms are often smaller than doubles. Single room supplement for this tour is \$820.

ROOMMATES: You will be charged for a single room if you do not have a roommate and/or Gomega Travel is unable to match you with one.

MEALS: Buffet breakfast and dinner as outlined.

LUGGAGE: Limit of one suitcase and one carry-on per person, not to exceed 50 pounds or 62 linear inches total.

TRANSFERS: Group transport between airport, hotel and piers is included in the standard program. However, those who request changes from the standard program are responsible for their own transfers even when coinciding with group transfers.

CHANGES FROM STANDARD PROGRAM: Changes must be requested and approved in writing by Gomega Travel. A minimum of \$150 will be charged and individual transfers to/from the airport are not included.

AIRLINE TICKETS: Printed approximately 45 days prior to departure. Tickets cannot be changed or refunded thereafter. Air transportation to/from your destination will be economy class aboard IATA and ARC carriers utilizing APEX or SUPER APEX non-refundable, non amenable tickets for groups of 10 or more passengers flying together for the entire itinerary.

FLIGHT TIMES: Subject to change by airlines without advance notice. Gomega Travel is not responsible for such changes or delays and does not reimburse expenses resulting from such delays.

ITINERARY LENGTH: Because airlines often change the flight schedules after brochures are printed, Gomega Travel reserves the right to shorten or lengthen the itinerary accordingly and whenever possible, you will be notified in writing. If changes necessitate extra overnights, there will be additional charges.

CANCELLATION FEES: From the day of registration to 120 days prior to departure the \$250 non-refundable registration fee is the only charge. Thereafter, the following charges apply: 119-90 days \$750; 89-60 days 50% of total cost; 59-45 days 75% of total cost; 44 days to day of departure 100% of total cost. All cancellation and refund claims must be made in writing.

INSURANCE: Gomega Travel recommends cancellation and trip insurance to cover the above fees. For more information and rates, please refer to the Traveler's brochure. <https://gomegatravel.com/wp-includes/tours/pdf/Traveler-Coverage.pdf> Please note that medical insurance to cover your expenses should you fall ill and be required to quarantine abroad is currently required to travel to many countries.

VACCINATIONS: Covid vaccines are not currently required to travel to this destination.

STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY

Gomega Travel agrees to provide the itinerary described in this brochure, and this represents the entire agreement between the passenger and his agent, the Tour Host, and the Tour Operator.

No changes or deviations are effective unless approved in writing and signed by an authorized officer of the tour operator. Except as stated herein, no person is authorized to cancel, modify, or vary the tour arrangements or to make any representation of warranty concerning the tour.

All prices, itineraries and schedules are subject to regulations and changes thereof by acts of Government, International Agreement and Airline tariff adjustments, rules and regulations.

Gomega Travel reserves the right to change or withdraw the tour, in whole or in part at any time. In the event of a change, the sole exclusive obligation of Gomega Travel will be to refund pro rata any payment received. In the event of rescheduling of the tour due to unforeseen circumstances, the cancellation and refund clause will apply. Gomega Travel may decline to accept or retain any individual as a participant on the tour at any time. If any tour participant leaves or is removed from the tour, Gomega Travel is not responsible for any related expenses. Except for the willful negligence of its direct employees, the tour operator assumes no liability or responsibility for any injuries, inconveniences, illness, irregularity or incidental damages occasioned by circumstances beyond the control of tour operator, or by any person or reason whatsoever, including, but not limited to events such as strikes, revolts, wars, natural disasters, closures of airports or hotels, default or omission of any common or private carrier or the default, negligence or omission of and by any third party providing services or facilities related to or included in this tour or any part thereof, or in arranging for the same, or the acts or omissions of the Tour Host.

The Commercial carriers are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time the passengers are not on board commercial carriers. The passenger contracts, in use by all commercial carriers involved, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the commercial carriers and the passenger or purchaser of this tour and/or passage and tour operator assumes no liability or responsibility in connection therewith.

Enrollment in and payment for the tour, constitutes your acceptance of the Program Conditions and Statement of Responsibility.

The program conditions become a binding contract when your enrollment and payment are received and accepted by Gomega Travel in The Woodlands, Texas. Venue for any disputes is Montgomery County, Texas. This contract shall be governed by the laws of the state of Texas.